

# HONGKONG & SWATOW

No. 3805

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND  
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... £2,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £ 251,923.50

BANKERS:  
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:  
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:  
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.  
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
A Fixed Deposits can be ascertained  
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange  
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1894. [1010]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... £ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.  
H. Stolteforth, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,  
Geo. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months, Fixed, 5 per cent.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1894. [7]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... £800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS ..... £800,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... £275,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the Rate of a per cent. per  
annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 5 per cent.  
" " 6 " " 5 " " 5 "

A. C. MARSHALL,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1894. [1033]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED ..... £1,125,000  
PAID-UP ..... £ 688,600

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of a per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months ..... 5 per cent.  
" 6 " ..... 4 " " 4 "

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1894. [1030]

## HISSTAVICCS.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY

has a long record of GOOD SERVICES to  
refer to; its FUNDS, annually increasing,  
amount to £7,913,375. The premiums are  
moderate; and all modern features consistent  
with safety have been adopted.

For particulars and rates,  
Apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1894. [1043]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000} £833,333.33  
EQUAL TO ..... £833,333.33  
RESERVE FUND ..... £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
Lee SING, Esq. | LO YEEK MOON, Esq.  
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq. |

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1894. [1040]

## NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSUNG PAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 19th May, 1894. [1040]

## Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE  
YEAR 1893.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to  
send in to this Office a LIST of their  
CONTRIBUTIONS OF PREMIA for the year  
ending 31st December last, in order that the  
proportion of PROFIT for that year to be PAID  
as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged.  
Returns not sent in before the 30th instant will  
be made up by the Company, and no subsequent  
Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1894. [1038]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICES of the Company have this  
day been REMOVED to the  
CHARTERED BANK NEW PREMISES,  
No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
(next to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK),  
FIRST FLOOR.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th October, 1894. [1033]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A FINAL BONUS of FIVE PER CENT. on  
CONTRIBUTIONS and a DIVIDEND of  
NINE DOLLARS per SHARE for the year 1893,  
will be PAYABLE on MONDAY, the 8th Inst.

WARRANTS may be had on application at  
the OFFICE of the SOCIETY on and after that  
date.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1894. [1042]

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE TWINS, Two Boys joined  
together, have arrived from SHANGHAI,  
and are now on VIEW in FIRST FLOOR of  
No. 49, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, from 9  
A.M. to 9 P.M.

ADMISSION ..... 20 Cents.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1894. [1054]

NOTICE.

FROM the 16th OCTOBER the SHANGHAI  
HUTCHERY will be prepared to  
SUPPLY BROWN, LARD in PLADYERS,  
PFFS' and PICKLED ENGLISH PORK,  
SAUSAGES, &c.

Also,  
BFFF. IN JOINTS and CORNED, BLACK  
PUDDINGS, PORK and GAME PIES,  
SMOKED BACON and HAMS of the Finest  
Quality from PIG FED and CURED by the  
above Butchery.

F. G. KEELING.

Shanghai, 6th October, 1894. [1044]

"DERMATOL."

MANUFACTURED by FABWERKE,  
HICHEM & M.; its effect in stimulating  
the closing up of WOUNDS, and in Internal  
administration against diarrhoea, is described as  
amazing.

D. R. KNORR'S  
LION BRAND  
ANTIPYRINE.

(Dose for ADULTS is 15 to 35 GRAINS TROY.)

Is the most approved and most efficacious  
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE,  
NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER,  
TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSIPELUS,  
HOOPING COUGH, and many other  
complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic.  
Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty.  
Ask for DR. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE! Each  
tin bears the Inventor's signature "Dr.  
KNORR" in red letters.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and  
Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China  
Export Import and Bank Companies.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1894. [1046]

TO SHIPMASTERS.

CAPTAIN F. H. PLUMMER,  
(LATE OF THE PATAGONIAN NAVY.)

THE OLDEST STEVEDORE IN  
MANILA.

STEVEDORE AND CONTRACTOR.

COALS and all kinds of STORES  
SUPPLIED on the shortest notice and  
on the most reasonable terms.

Manila, 3rd October, 1894. [1053]

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED are prepared to  
GIVE ESTIMATES for FITTING THE  
PATENT PROCESS on LAND and MARINE  
BOILERS for BURNING CHARBONNAGES  
COAL, DUST.

GORDON & Co.,  
BOWINGTON FOUNDRY,  
East Point.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1894. [1043]

NOTICE TO CAPTAINS.

MASTERS of Vessels arriving here CAN  
NOT BE TOO PARTICULAR as to  
the SOURCE of supply of FRESH WATER,  
more especially during the present旱季 (DROUGHT).

J. W. KWY & CO. CAN SUPPLY VESSELS with any  
quantity of FRESH WATER, and the  
prices charged are moderate rates.

Call for "W." Commercial Code.

Office 14, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1894. [1040]

## Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
SHIPCHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS, &c.

SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS OF  
SHIP AND ENGINE STORES

OF BEST BRANDS.

AGENTS FOR:—

INTERNATIONAL COMPOSITION FOR SHIPS' BOTTOMS.

PRICE'S SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OIL.

BELL'S SPECIAL ENGINE AND CYLINDER OILS.

PURE FRESH WATER SUPPLIED

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

TELEPHONE No. 97. [1045]

DAWSON'S PERFECTION  
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.  
ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,  
4, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1894. [1047]

CENTRAL HOTEL.  
SHANGHAI.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

"CENTRAL,  
SHANGHAI"

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the

centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODIOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,  
PROPRIETOR.

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W. BREWER.

W. BREWER,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL. [1045]

Hongkong, 1st November, 1894.

W. BREWER.

BATHING PAVILIONS

have been added, and a LAUNCH runs from  
the NEW PERRIER'S WHARF to BAY VIEW

every half-hour after 5 P.M. daily.

Private Diners or Tiffins prepared in First-

class style on the shortest notice, and Meals can

be served at all hours.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1894. [1043]

FUJIYA HOTEL,

MIYANOSHITA,  
HAKONE.

NOTIFICATIONS.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
A CONSIGNMENT OF

ILFORD DRY  
PLATES,

t. 3, 1/1, 10/8, 12/10,  
and are offering the same at popular prices.

SENSITIZED ALBUMINIZED  
PAPER,

1 pl. in tins.

CHICAGO AND RELIABLE.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO., LTD.,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 15th October, 1894.

The Archdukes Vladimir and Alexis, wired  
for to return to Russia, have left Paris.

Later, The Czar is at the last extremity.

October 20th.

The European press hotly enquires the Czar,  
and generally express the opinion that his death  
will make no alteration in Russia's foreign  
policy. Bright's disease, from which His Majesty  
is suffering, follows its course; the swelling of  
his feet increases.

October 21st.

The state of the Czar is altogether desperate.  
It is reported that he swooned and was insensible  
for several hours last Thursday. He is passing  
blood; but was nevertheless able to leave his  
bed yesterday.

The Czarina and the Grand Duke George are  
III.

The Grand Duchess Xenia has had a mis-  
sage.

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decreased.

The health of the Czar continues to improve.

October 23rd.

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Majesty received the sacrament last Sunday.

THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

October 24th.

The Session of Parliament opened in the  
quietest manner and without anything unusual  
occurring.

FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.  
Cultures have been detached from Cherbourg  
and Trouville to Madagascar.

(Social to *Courrier d'Halibut*)  
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF COCHIN-  
CHINA.

HANOI, Oct 26th.

Monseigneur de Lanessan left Singapore at 5 p.m.  
on October 24th and will be at Cane St. James  
on the 26th. He was officially received by the  
Governor of Singapore with military honors and  
saluted with seventeen guns. A breakfast was  
given His Excellency by the Governor, at which  
the high military officers and leading Govern-  
ment officials were present.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Japan*, from  
China, arrived at London yesterday.

THE Empress of Japan will be thirty-two years  
of age to-morrow. China Mail please note.

THE unprotected cruiser *Plymouth*, attached to  
the Steam Reserve at Chatham, has been  
ordered to prepare for service on the Australian  
station.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer  
Empress of India arrived at Nagasaki at 7.30  
a.m. yesterday, and left again at 4 p.m. for  
Shanghai.

THE *Vanishing Act* artiste—  
How shall I enter the money you are about to  
give up—under Profit and Loss?"

Sloper—"Put it under running expenses, of  
course."

At the Police Court this morning, before Mr.  
Hastings, Miss Rose Albert of No. 15, Wel-  
lington Street, was charged, at the instance of  
Detective-Sergeant McIver, with selling intox-  
icating liquors without the requisite license. The  
defendant, who pleaded ignorance of the law,  
was fined \$75, which she paid like a brick.

THE Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry  
will play the following programme in the  
Barrack Square to-night, commencing at 7.30  
o'clock:—

Poka ..... "Now & Then" ..... Chorus.  
Quadrille ..... "Fantasie" ..... Supper.  
Schottische ..... "Cheerful" ..... Chorus.  
Violin ..... "Serenade" ..... Chorus.  
Lancers ..... "Serenade" ..... Chorus.  
Valse ..... "Acapulco" ..... Chorus.  
Schottische ..... "Boston Belle" ..... Chorus.  
Valse ..... "Princess May" ..... Chorus.

SAVILLE SMITH, of the London Lyric, had a  
most successful benefit at the Corinthian Theatre,  
Calcutta, on the 8th ultime, the house being  
crowded in every part. The programme included  
an new comedy, "Mademoiselle," an extensive  
"variety" show (in which Marie Brian,  
Mildred Triggs, Gladys Tassell, Vivienne  
Dagmar, Bell Brian, D. C. Smith, Lydia Harding,  
George Mallet, and other members of the com-  
pany took part), and the trial scenes from "Pik-  
wick," with Thomas Verney as "Sergeant Bus-  
bus." Although "boomed" by the press, the  
Lyric's success in Calcutta is stated to have been  
a financial failure.

THE Japanese *Nichi Nichi* gives the following  
as the official computation of the strength of the  
Chinese army at Ping-ting when it was attacked  
by the Japanese on the 15th September:—

Name of troops. Strength. Commander.  
Shing-tse ..... 6,000. Wei-Tsou-wei.  
Ed-tse ..... 2,000. Ma-Yukwan.  
Fung ..... 3,500. Tso-Pao-wei.  
Mou-ken trained Shing-tse ..... 1,500. Fung-Poo.

These, says the *Nichi*, were the few  
armies of China in Ping-ting, and their Com-  
mander-in-Chief was General Yen-Chia-cho, of  
the "mystic retreat" fame. With all respect  
to our Japanese contemporary's official  
sources of information, there is every reason  
to believe that the only Chinese troops engaged  
at Ping-ting were those under the command of  
General Yen-Pao-kuo, who was killed in action  
whilst bravely encouraging his men in the front  
of the battle. The other Chinese battalions, it is now  
well known, retreated before the Japanese assault  
on the town, to that the "glorious victory" which  
has, thanks to the Japanese Government News  
Bureau, been magnified into another Waterloo  
and lauded throughout the world as the  
practical conquest of China, simply amounts to  
the capture of an untenable and obstacles  
fort by an overwhelming force of Japanese,  
who outnumbered the Chinese "braves" by at least ten  
to one, the killing of a few hundred soldiers and  
taking captive five and six hundred prisoners.  
And this is the great battle in which over twenty  
thousand Chinese were officially reported to have  
been either killed or made prisoners! After  
this *exposed* any further news of Japanese  
successes will be received with extreme scepticism.

The Chinese troops have only to continue fighting  
as well as General Tso's detachment appears  
to have done at Ping-ting, to make short work  
of the greatly reduced armies of China whatever  
they may be employing like equal forces.

DISASTROUS SHIPWRECK.  
The "Union" line steamer *Wadarsa* has  
been wrecked on Great Barrier Island; one  
hundred and eleven passengers and twenty-four  
of the crew were drowned, whilst sixty-four  
only were saved by rats, and reached Auckland  
to safety.

DEATH OF THE CZAR OF RUSSIA.  
The Czar, Alexander III., of Russia, is dead.

(From *Tongqui Papers*.)

THE CZAR.

PARIS, October 29th.  
The condition of the Czar is very precarious  
and has produced general anxiety throughout  
Europe.

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THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

October 25th.

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FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.

Cultures have been detached from Cherbourg  
and Trouville to Madagascar.

(Social to *Courrier d'Halibut*)

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THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

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THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

October 30th.

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THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

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be brought to bear against them. There is no doubt that the Japanese are well organised and that the Chinese are not. Lord Charles also pointed out the necessity for an efficient reserve.

CAPTAIN A. T. MAHAN, U.S.N., INTERVIEWED.

A Central News representative had an interview with Captain A. T. Mahan, of the United States warship *Chicago*, who is admittedly an expert in naval matters, with reference to his views upon the recent naval engagement at the Yalu.

He remarked that as to a fleet accompanying transports, the great thing was to prevent anything like surprise. The prominent lesson of the engagement was that it is necessary that the fleet conveying transports should be decisively superior to the enemy. Captain Mahan said he was inclined to think that the Chinese Admiral formed up his fleet close to the shore because he had no alternative. If he had gone out to meet the Japanese, which was his proper course, he would have laid open the entrance to the river. He was, therefore, tactically embarrassed in maneuvering. If the Chinese Admiral's force had been much larger than the Japanese he might have advanced, and left at the same time sufficient force to head off a rush which might have been made by the Japanese. The whole affair illustrated the extreme difficulty of the attacking movement across the water unless the attacking force had the control of the water absolutely. Whether the Chinese succeeded in their object did not appear to be clear, or whether they landed their troops, but the question was whether it was worth while to take such risk for the sake of landing troops. It certainly was bad management to fight an enemy so close to the shore, for two vessels had not sufficient room to turn and so went ashore. Still, the Chinese Admiral was compelled to adopt this course, although it was said that some Japanese ships attempted to pass the Chinese line. Captain Mahan declared that he imagined that actually the Japanese were afraid to take this course lest they should get into shallow water, and thus become entangled. Captain Mahan added:—

"It was a big engagement for modern vessels, but there is nothing yet which I have seen which would lead me to suppose that the engagement will prove to a remodelling of war-vessels."

FOOCHOW NOTES.

FOOCHOW, October 27th. The Imperial Decree regarding the keeping of the Empress Dowager's 60th birthday has arrived, and will be delivered at the Imperial Temple, Wang-kuo-kuo, to the Mandarin Government, by the Vicereyn to receive it.

The Vicereyn, who is now acting Tartar General, attended the parade of the Manchu troops at Tung-kuo-kuo (the Tartar camp) on Monday last, when he expressed his satisfaction with the appearance and good training of the men.

In consequence of the late short arrival of the decree, the districts have petitioned the Provincial Treasurer for permission to import supplies from Shanghai. In reply of question was made to getting the grain from Shanghai, but permission was granted to have it shipped from Yung-chow and Ting-kwung.

The Vicereyn has issued a notification that all Mandarins will be expected to appear at the Wang-kuo-kuo temple on the 7th prox. in full dress to attend the ceremony of praying for the long life and prosperity of Her August Imperial Majesty the Empress Dowager on the occasion of her 60th birthday.

The Min. magistrate and the How-kwong magistrate have duly issued a notice requesting the leading merchants to contribute pieces of their best silk cotton and woolen materials to decorate the Imperial temple, Wang-kuo-kuo, for the coming important ceremonial. Two mandarins have been appointed to superintend these decorations.

The Min. magistrate, in a proclamation that has not appeared, reminds shoemakers that it is unlawful to write or print Chinese characters in shoes, and points out that all who dare to do so will be severely punished. The characters are regarded as sacred, and it is deemed sacrilegious to put them to such a use as shoemakers have been known to do from time to time.

In a raid made on a Fandal gambling house over the Ling bridge a few days ago, five of the frequenters and the proprietor were arrested. Amongst the former was a well-to-do man, a manufacturer of paper. At the magistrate's court the proprietor was sentenced to the forfeiture of all his property, and the four ordinary gamblers to a month's exposure in the streets in canques. The magistrate informed the paper manufacturer that he ought to receive the same punishment as the four, but out of regard for his position he would give him the option of paying \$1,000 fine, which was accepted, and the money is to be given to benevolent institutions in the city for distribution amongst the poor.—*Echo*.

SIAM NOTES.

BANGKOK, October 19th. We regret to learn that the King is still very ill. He has been obliged to give up his intention of going to Bangkok, as he is far too weak to leave the Palace.

We are requested by M. Pilinski, French Chargé d'Affaires, to convey, on his own part and on that of his colleagues, his deep sense of the sympathy and respect exhibited by the foreign community of Bangkok on the occasion of the death of the late M. Edouard Boncaville.

M. Pilinski left late last night for Saigon, in order to confer with M. de Lanessan, who is expected to Saigon about the 22nd instant. M. Pavie, we believe, also awaits M. de Lanessan in Saigon. The journey of the French Chargé d'Affaires has, we believe, no political significance whatever, being merely intended as a visit to the Governor General of Indo-China.

The prevalence on board trading steamers of delegates from the Opium Farm, and to a much less aggravated extent, of the Customs House, continues unabated, in spite of the well-known fact that such persecution is entirely illegal. The searching of a ship for contraband is one thing, and the permanent quiescence of a lot of idle wagabonds on board is quite another. We sympathise with the masters of such ships who have protested against the nuisance and indelicacy, sanctioned as it was by a consular official whose zeal for Siamese mirth is now estimated at its proper value. But we cannot help seeing that the continuance of the abuse is due largely to the apathy of other skippers who shirk the duty of practically opposing the perpetrators.

The tides of yesterday, and of the day before, both ran to a foot 6 inches, which is within half a foot of the highest of last year. The approach from the New Road to the Borneo Company's compound was flooded to a depth of some inches; and other low-lying parts of the roads and paths in the town were submerged. Great masses of river and strong water poured up for an hour or so along the small water-courses, and made their way into the paddy-fields, where they brought to the roots and stems of the growing crops a most healthful supply of new nourishment. The young paddy has had to look for its supplies of moisture to rain-water alone, which he probably does in the absence of irrigation capital.

claret to full-bodied Burgundy, or an chicken-broth to turtle soup. There is, therefore, every prospect that the rice crop will now be of a fine quality as well as pretty abundant in quantity.—*Press*.

BANGKOK, October 20th. H.M.S. gunboat *Rattler* left Bangkok on Thursday for a week's cruise.

His Majesty the King, we are pleased to learn, still makes most favourable progress towards recovery, and is now occupied in affairs of State and evinces a decided interest in all that has been done during his prolonged and lamentable illness. For three days consecutively his Majesty has now taken exercise in the Royal Palace, besides holding several audiences. There is not the least justification for the statement made in a local paper yesterday to the effect that his Majesty had intended proceeding to Bang-pa-in.

The system of giving certificates to servants of Portuguese subjects proves to have been more widespread than was suspected. On Wednesday nine Chinamen arrested for non-payment of the triennial tax were found to possess these certificates. In one instance the man's master, a Leeds, visited the Bangkok Police Station and instructed his servant, at the direction of Mr. Perreira (Portuguese Consul General), not to pay the tax. Master's communications are proceeding between Mr. Perreira and the Siamese Government, the former holding that the servants of foreign subjects are entitled by treaty to the same privileges as their masters, including exemption from taxation.—*Bangkok Times*.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

The Belgians have crushed the Congo's slave trade.

There are only about 10,000 foreigners in Japan.

Brazil will secure a \$15,000,000 loan in Europe.

King Humbert predicts Italy's early financial reconstruction.

It costs \$90,000 per annum to maintain the peace of Europe.

Government life insurance is considered a failure in England.

Oliver Cromwell's statue is soon to be placed in Westminster Abbey.

The University of Cambridge now expels students who take part in duels.

Venezuela's revolutionary tendencies have unsettled business in that country.

Brazil's mint has struck a medal in honor of the author of the Monroe Doctrine.

The Duke and Duchess of York are announced as having paid a visit to Mme. Patti.

They call the bicycle "the devil's chariot" in Turkey, and the Sultan forbids its use.

The Hamburg-American Steamship Company has reduced its steerage rates one-fifth.

It's reported at Rome that the drought has done much damage in Southern Europe.

It is said that the ride from Cannes to Genoa is the finest railroad journey in the world.

Statistics in France show that during the last few years the population has absolutely decreased.

A new Italian rifle will send a bullet through five inches of solid oak at a distance of 4,000 feet.

Fears are expressed that the rice supply in China will be insufficient for even the army and navy.

Spirit of the War—The Japs want it short, sharp and decisive, but China will fight for years.

Frances derived 950,000 francs last year from tax on cycles, the number of machines being 132,376.

Edinburgh, the scene of the first battle between King Charles I and his Parliament, is soon to be sold by auction.

Colonel North, the ultra king, denies that 7,000,000 tons of nitrate have been discovered in Magdalena, Colombia.

The Consul-General at Berlin reports that the German Brewery School has succeeded in making beer from corn.

Iben's income tax has just been assessed in Norway at \$135, based on a fortune of \$44,000 and an income of \$3,300.

The *Salist* offers a prize of 1,000 guineas for the best plan of customs union between Great Britain and her colonies.

The English income tax has been changed eighteen times since 1842, varying from 2 pence to the pound to 16 pence.

Spain has been encouraged to think that it can negotiate a new reciprocity treaty with the Cleveland Administration.

At Bolonia, Italy, it has lately been discovered that the university seal has been forged and affixed to spurious diplomas.

Stamp duties yield the British Government \$60,000,000 a year. They are levied on legacies, insurance, debts, bills and receipts.

The Duke of Oporto, the Infante Antonio, and the Infanta Eulalia of Spain, with their respective suites were late in London.

The oldest oak-tree in England, dating back prior to the conquest, near Norton, has fallen. It had a circumference of sixty-six feet.

Consequent on the war between Japan and China, the price of opium in India has risen 40 percent. above the Government estimate.

The liquidator of the affairs of the Panama Canal Company declines to disclose the amount of subscriptions to the new issue of shares.

Peacock skins are the latest novelties in England, and the first pair was sold to a Scotch housewife, who does her shopping on them.

M. Zola and the editor of *Le Bla* have been served with writs for libel at the instance of M. Bourgeois, builder of the church at Lourdes.

The Pope has called Cardinal Gibbons to Rome. His Holiness is desirous of again seeing the American Cardinal before he (the Pope) dies.

In consequence of the discovery of glaring frauds in the list of voters the French Government has dissolved the Municipal Council at Toulouse.

The construction of a new mole and dockyard at Gibraltar has been begun. Five hundred skilled workmen will shortly leave England to carry on the work.

The French Academy of Medicine has taken up the question of the healthiness of bicycling, at a recent meeting decided to investigate the subject thoroughly.

Thomas Foster, who has been sentenced at London to three years' penal servitude for a number of frauds, was the originator of the "mailing-word" crime.

Another British steamer engaged in the peacock trade has been fitted with furnaces and oil-jets to enable her to burn oil instead of coal for generating steam.

Don Silvestre Borbense, Prince of Sulmona, is about to restore the fortunes of his house by marrying the Duchess of Galliera, who brings him a fortune of \$100,000,000.

Mr. Gladstone, in a recent letter upon the subject of Local Option, has emphatically declared that the only local option law at all tenable is the one now in force.

Field Marshal Sir Patrick Grant has just celebrated his ninetieth birthday. He went to India on entering the army in 1820, and almost all his active service there.

The United States new magazine will be sold by London *Engineering* to possess all the requisites now universally admitted to be necessary to a perfect magazine gun.

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